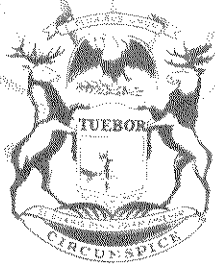


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Michigan Supreme Court

Resolution

Juror Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Law Day is a celebration of America's great heritage, in which the state of Michigan shares, of liberty, justice, and equality under law;

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2005 is "The American Jury: We the People in Action";

WHEREAS, trial by jury is guaranteed by the Sixth and Seventh Amendments of the United States Constitution, applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment, and by Article I, sections 14 and 20 of the Michigan Constitution;

WHEREAS, jury service is a privilege and responsibility of citizenship, and few civic activities provide such a direct contact with our democracy as does jury service, through which the community participates in the justice system;

WHEREAS, the decisions made by jurors affect millions of lives every day and have a profound effect on law enforcement, the economy, and society at large;

WHEREAS, the Court wishes to acknowledge the vital role of juries in our justice system, and to help the public appreciate the importance of that role;


NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, proclaim May 2005 to be Juror Appreciation Month in Michigan, and urge the judiciary, attorneys, citizens, schools, businesses, and media of Michigan to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the jury system and to express appreciation for our fellow citizens who answer the call to jury service.


In witness whereof, we hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the Michigan Supreme Court to be affixed at Lansing, the Capitol, this 28th day of April, Anno Domini MMV.



Clifford W. Taylor, Chief Justice


Michael F. Cavanagh, Justice


Marilyn Kelly, Justice


Robert P. Young, Jr., Justice


Elizabeth A. Weaver, Justice


Maura D. Corrigan, Justice


Stephen J. Markman, Justice

